

REMARKS

Claims 33-50 and 62-71 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 33-37, 39-50, 62-68 and 70 are deemed in condition for allowance. Claim 38 has been amended above to correct obvious informalities. Claim 69 has been canceled without prejudice as allegedly being a substantial duplicate of allowed claim 49. Accordingly, the amendments do not raise an issue of new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

In light of the Amendments and Remarks herein, Applicant submits that the formalities raised by the Office in Action mailed September 16, 2004, have been satisfactorily addressed and are now moot. Withdrawal of these objections and a notice of allowability for all pending claims is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-0915 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

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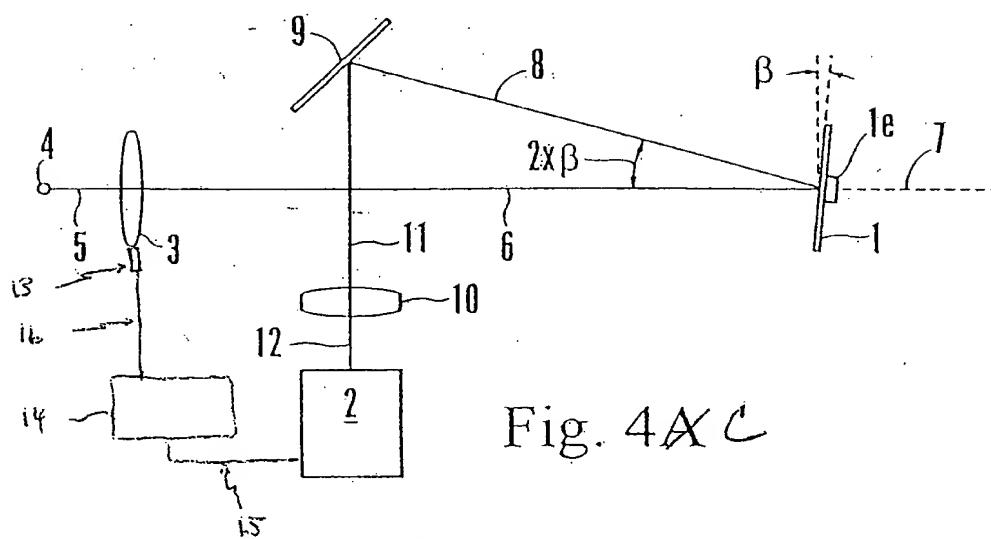


Fig. 4A-C

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing amending Figure 4 were previously submitted in Applicant's amendment filed August 25, 2004. The amended drawing is resubmitted herein to include the appropriate notations and page numbering required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84 and 1.121. The amended sheet is now identified as an "Annotated Sheet." The New Sheet attached hereto amends Figure 4 to include Figure 4C and is identical to the previously submitted sheet with the inclusion of the above changes. In Figure 4C, the previously omitted automated features of an automated system of the invention are shown as reference signs 13-16.